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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 506

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SUBJECT: FRG INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER AND THE LAENDER INTERIOR
MINISTER CONFERENCE

REF: USBERLIN 470

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL SOVIETS MADE "OFFICIAL-INFORMAL" COMPLAINT EARLIER THIS WEEK ABOUT MEETING OF LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN WEST BERLIN. ACCORDING TO DPA REPORTS, SOVIET CRITICISM WAS MADE PUBLIC LAST NIGHT BY ALEXANDER BOVIN, PLITICAL COMMENTATOR OF IZVESTIYA, DURING SPEECH BEFORE WEST BERLIN GERMAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. CENTRAL POINT OF SOVIET COMPLAINT IS THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS A FEDERAL BODY, AND AS SUCH FORBIDDEN FROM EXERCISING ACTS OF SOVEREIGNTY IN BERLIN.

2. WE NOTE FROM POLICE BLOTTER THAT FRG INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER WILL ATTEND THE LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE, AS WE UNDERSTAND HE ALWAYS DOES. MAIHOFFER'S PRESENCE MAY MAKE SOVIETS MORE INCLINED TO FORMALIZE THEIR PROTEST.

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3. WE WOULD SEE NO NEED TO GET INTO MUCH OF A DEBATE WITH SOVIETS EVEN IF THEY RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT. WE WOULD REFER THEM TO OUR ORAL RESPONSE (REFTEL) AND RECALL THAT WE HAVE ANSWERED SIMILAR PROTESTS AGAINST EARLIER BERLIN MEETINGS OF THE SAME COMMITTEE IN 1974 AND 1975 (SEE 74 USBERLIN 1601 AND 75 USBERLIN 1947). IT IS CLEAR THAT LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE IS NOT INCLUDED IN

QA LIST OF GROUPS THAT MAY NOT MEET IN BERLIN AND THERE
IS NO QUESTION THAT CONFERENCE COULD, WITHIN MEANING
OF THREE AMBASSADORS' INTERPRETIVE LETTER, EXERCISE
DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY OVER WEST BERLIN. FOR OUR
BACKGROUND INFORMATION, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP
(WITHOUT ROUSING FRG CONCERNS THAT WE WERE IN ANY WAY
QUESTIONING PROPRIETY OF MEETING) ON MAIHOFFER'S FORMAL
ROLE AT CONFERENCE. BERLIN INTERIOR SENATOR NEUBAUER
IS CHAIRMAN. WE WONDER WHETHER MAIHOFFER IS FORMAL
PARTICIPANT OR OBSERVER. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER MAIHOFFER
OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE REGULARLY ATTENDS
SUCH CONFERENCES WHEN THEY ARE HELD IN FRG. GEORGE

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